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EXAMINER: Nichols, Christopher J.

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ART UNIT: 1647

FOR: CULTURES OF GFAP⁺ NESTIN⁺ CELLS
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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450August 25, 2004
Boston, MassachusettsRESPONSE

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed March 17, 2004, in the above-identified application. Applicants submit herewith a petition for a three month extension of time along with the appropriate fee. With the extension, this response is due on or before September 17, 2004. Applicants believe no additional fees are due in connection with this filing. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, reference 19313-004 (NS-4).

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

A listing of the currently pending claims begins on page 11 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 33 of this paper.

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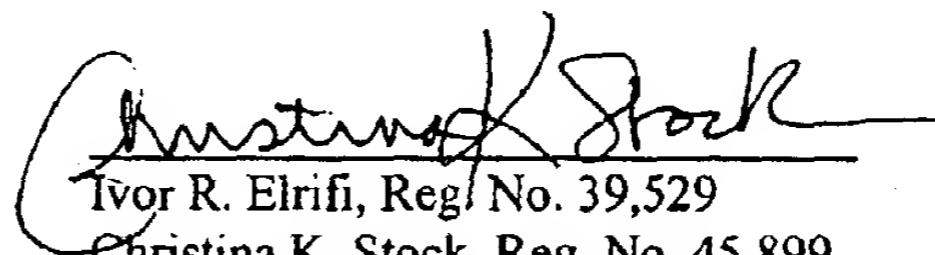
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CONCLUSION

On the basis of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If there are any questions regarding these remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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